

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 44

By Littleton

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Caleb Martin for heroism.

WHEREAS, the members of this body are honored to recognize those Tennesseans who, through their actions and their concern for the safety and well-being of others, stand as heroes who inspire countless others; and

WHEREAS, Caleb Martin of Pegram is one such sterling individual who saved the life of Jenna Newman on January 1 of this year; and

WHEREAS, on that Thursday evening, Mr. Martin, a senior at Harpeth High School, was traveling home from work when he witnessed a chilling scene: a man intentionally hitting a woman with a vehicle, knocking her over a guardrail in his attempt to kill her; and

WHEREAS, Jenna Newman had been riding in her car with Kenneth David Clinton when he shot her twice at close range. Ms. Newman jumped out of the vehicle, and Clinton turned the car around and attempted to run her over, knocking her over a guardrail beside the road; and

WHEREAS, upon witnessing this tragic and violent scene, Caleb Martin, whose presence frightened away the would-be murderer, promptly dialed 911, contacting emergency services while helping Ms. Newman into his own vehicle; and

WHEREAS, he then drove to his grandparents' house, where he gave first aid to Ms. Newman while remaining in contact with the emergency dispatcher. He helped to calm the frantic and frightened woman until an ambulance arrived; and

WHEREAS, on Ms. Newman's worst night, Caleb Martin helped and protected her, saving her from a tragic and dark end. Mr. Martin's heroism in the face of grave danger proves

him to be an individual of the highest caliber with a commitment to helping others, and it is wholly fitting that he be recognized for his actions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Caleb Martin for his heroic actions which saved the life of Jenna Newman, applaud his bravery in the face of danger, and extend our best wishes to him for success and happiness in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.